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Karen Chew

From: Mary Lavelle
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Karen Chew
Subject: Fw: [BULK] Vote on cannabis tax

From: Stacy Brobst <ssbrobst@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 7:44 AM
To: Rich Tran; Bob Nuñez; Anthony Phan; Carmen Montano; Karina Dominguez; Mary Lavelle
Subject: [BULK] Vote on cannabis tax

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

The issue of a cannabis tax is very controversial in our city. There has been a lot of misinformation spread. There has been bullying. There have been people from other cities trying to influence the city.

The way to find out what the people of our city really want is to let us vote on the matter. Denying us the right to vote is giving in to bullies. Denying us the right to vote is handing money that could be ours to other cities. Denying us the right to vote is accepting the lies as truth.

The truth is cannabis is already legal in Milpitas. It is already smoked and eaten. It is already delivered. The tax money from this activity that could be funding our police/fire etc is instead funding San Jose and Fremont.

Please be brave enough to stand up to bullying and allow the voters to decide.

Stacy Brobst

27 year resident of The Pines

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Mary Lavelle
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Karen Chew
Subject: Fw: 11 cannabis tax

From: Richard Wroblewski <rwroblewski27@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:18 PM
To: Rich Tran <rtran@ci.milpitas.ca.gov>; Mary Lavelle <mlavelle@ci.milpitas.ca.gov>; Karina Dominguez <kdominguez@ci.milpitas.ca.gov>; Bob Nuñez <bnunez@ci.milpitas.ca.gov>; Carmen Montano <cmontano@ci.milpitas.ca.gov>; Anthony Phan <aphan@ci.milpitas.ca.gov>
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I will be honest with you when I say I have a biased opinion. I am a Marijuana user and I have used it for both recreation and medication. The reason may shock you as to why. I have lived in Milpitas for a majority of my life. I lived on Hillview Drive. Went to Pomona and Milpitas High. I moved around a lot due to a divorce. I lived with a narcissistic woman who toyed with my mind and messed with my psyche to the point where I now suffer PTSD, Chronic Depression and Anxiety. I am tried on multiple occasions to kill myself and I have been institutionalized twice for such attempts. Weed has not only helped me deal with my issues but, it's helped with my ADHD as well.

Weed never made me want to try other drugs. It never made me want to cause harm to others. It never made me want to commit crimes or make me ignore responsibilities in my life. It has brought me some closure, assisted me in figuring out my problems and even turned my life around.

Many people will say "Think of the kids!" Well let me tell you what I pay for a month's worth of weed that I use to help keep my head on straight.

I pay around 200+ dollars a month. A third of that is taxes. Imagine having a dispensary that is not only located in a safe area, but has all the necessary safety precautions and licensing. The money generated could not only assist with school funding but also bring more business BACK into Milpitas.

Many will say that there may be a risk of influencing children as a dispensary would mean an influx of weed inside Milpitas. I will say I rather have a legal and regulated building rather than my neighbor's house accidentally being rented out to drug dealers and finding out they gutted the house out to grow a hell of a lot of weed. Waking up to multiple police helicopters and police cruisers wasn't fun. Hell, studies have shown that legalization of weed actually made teen usage drop. Part of that is education of the drug. Introduce it and it will clear false stigmas that surround it.

Weed has a bad reputation as it always been represented horribly in the news. Weed doesn't make you into a gang member or into a horrible person. There are good people who benefit from this. It will also benefit the city. I promise.

Thank you
Richard